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FARES:—Canton to Wuchow, Single \$15.00, Return \$25.00.
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S.S. "LINTAN," Capt. B. Branch. S.S. "SANUI," Capt. H. Black.
 Departures from Hongkong to Wuchow about three times every week, calling at Kumchuk, Samshui, Shiu-Hing and Tak-Hing. Departures from Wuchow about three times every week calling at the same ports.

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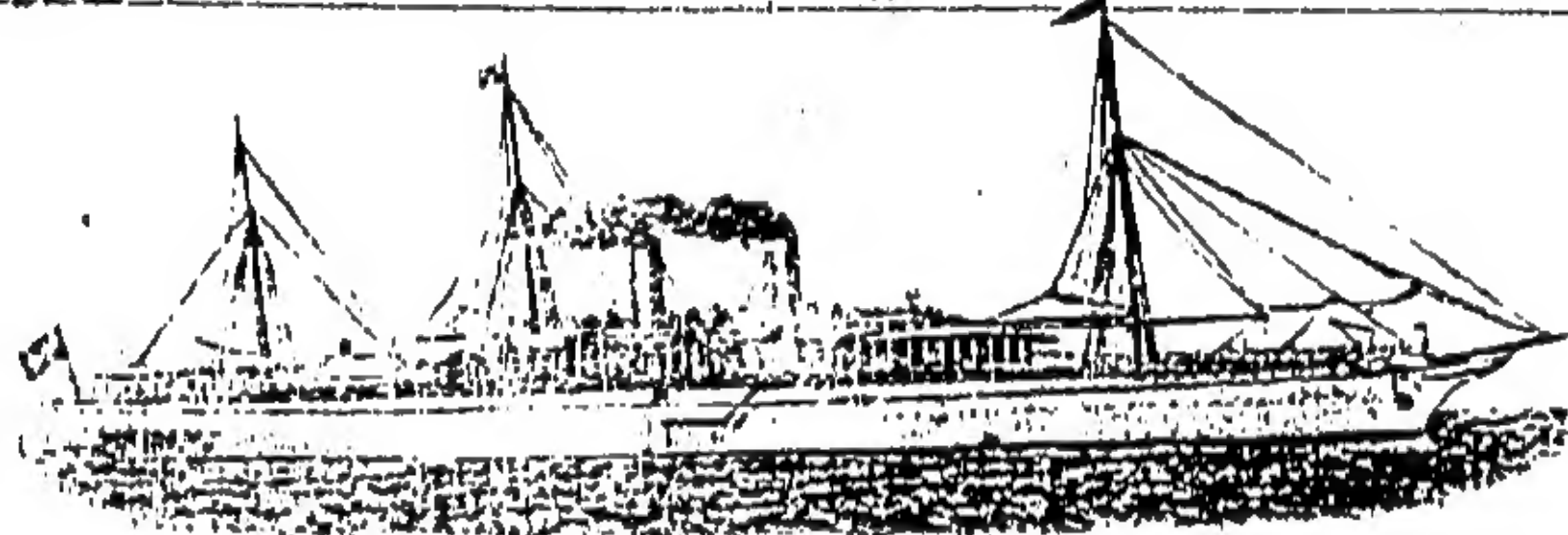
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ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	21st Feb.
Filler	(Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	Freight.
SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	7th March.
Lining	(Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	Freight.
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"OMEGA" is the best, "THREE YEARS" guarantee given to every purchaser.

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Intimations.

DOCTOR WANTED. FOR EMIGRANT STEAMER.

Apply to—
 "S. A. L. A."
 C/o Hongkong Telegraph Office,
 Hongkong, 31st December, 1904. [1405]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after this date interest at the rate of 8% per annum will be charged upon all Calls in respect of SHARES NOT FULLY PAID UP from the day appointed for Payment of such Calls, namely 3rd January, 1905.
 JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 11th January, 1905. [142]

YOU WANT A SEWING MACHINE

WE WANT YOUR ORDER.

SINGER MANUFACTURING CO.

1, WYNDHAM STREET.

Cash or terms for all grades of "SINGERS."

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [148]

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We guarantee satisfaction.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1904. [146]

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LARGE SELECTION OF VIEWS ALWAYS ON HAND.

PRICE VERY MODERATE.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1904. [59]

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GROUPS AND VIEWS a specialty.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1904. [56]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE Date of the CLOSING OF ENTRIES for the forthcoming Race Meeting is postponed until SATURDAY, the 14th January, 1905.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [1397]

THE FAMOUS "MAD RAZOR"

WEIGHT LESS THAN 3 OUNCES.

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HOWARD & CO. Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [61]

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Hongkong, 11th May, 1904. [53]

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AT REASONABLE PRICES

Hongkong, 15th December, 1904. [44]

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TJIPANAS ... JAPAN Second half January JAVA PORTS Second half January

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The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have Accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands India Ports on through Bills of Lading.

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Telephone No. 375.

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, 3rd Floor.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1904. [14]

IF YOU HAVE A HEADACHE, DON'T TAKE DRUGS UNTIL YOU HAVE HAD YOUR EYES TESTED, FREE OF CHARGE, AT THE OFFICE OF

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Prescription lenses ground on the premises. All work guaranteed. 8pm Glasses are restful and give the effect of coolness. Prices from \$2.00.

A. S. TUXFORD, Manager. Hongkong, 1st October, 1904. [40]

Intimations.

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The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that of any port in the world.

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Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903. [76]

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 Hongkong, 16th November, 1904. [47]

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are prepared, during suspension of their Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice, to BOOK CARGO AND ISSUE BILLS OF LADING TO SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVERLAND POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY FROM SEATTLE, as hitherto, by the Steamers of the NORTHERN PACIFIC S. S. Co., BOSTON STEAMSHIP AND TOWBOAT Co., OCEAN S. S. Co. and CHINA MUTUAL S. S. Co.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [68]

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. ... Every 30 minutes.

7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

7.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [65]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.

M. H. CHAUN, D. D. S., 37, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [67]

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GO TO THE KOWLOON HOTEL.

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PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 58.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER. Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900. [128]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORITY of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery. Materials can be supplied, if required.

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Hongkong, 12nd April, 1902.

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IN ALL THE
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Dress Shirts, Zephyr Shirts, Flannel
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Fine Cashmere Half-hose—embroidered
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Stock Ties, Sweaters, Mufflers.

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Light, medium and heavy weight
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and Shoes.

White Buckskin Boots
with thick red Rubber
Soles, suitable for
Cricket, Golf, Tennis,
Yachting, etc.

New Goods arrive each
week for all Depart-
ments.

Wm. POWELL, Ltd.
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL.
(IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF THE SAILORS'
AND SAILORS' HOME.

GRAND ORCHESTRAL
CONCERT
BY THE BAND
OF
H. I. G. M. S. "Fuerst Bismarck."
(Under the Distinguished Patronage
of
H. E. the Governor).

TO-MORROW NIGHT,
(SATURDAY), 14th January, at 9 P.M.
Booking at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.,
LIMITED.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1905. [128]

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.
HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC
CLUB.

"JANE."
A Farce in 3 Acts, by H. NICHOLLS and
W. LESTOCQ, will be produced
ON
SATURDAY, 21st January, 1905.
MONDAY, 23rd " "
SATURDAY, 28th " "
Prices ... \$3, \$2, \$1.
Sailors and Soldiers in uniform half-price to
the stalls and P.T.
Booking Office at ROBINSON PIANO CO.,
open on and after Monday, 16th January, from
9 A.M. to 4.30 P.M., each day.
ARTHUR CHAPMAN,
Business Manager.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1905. [115]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA.
I have this day Resumed Charge of the
HONGKONG BRANCH.
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [103]

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of the late
JAMES PARK WINGATE (deceased)
in our Firm ceased on 31st December, 1904.
TAIT & Co.
Amoy, 1st January, 1905. [98]

Auction.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of
the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be
held on MONDAY, the 17th day of January,
1905, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public
Works Department, by Order of His Excellency
the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN
LAND at Tai Hang Village, in the Colony of
Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the
option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be
fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King,
for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.									
No. of State Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Unset Price.	
		M.	F.	I.	W.				
Lot No. 46.	Tai Hang Village.	75	75	30	30	2,250	24	\$1,350	

Hongkong, 7th January, 1905. [1108]

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG,
李廣隆
CABINET-MAKER AND ART DECORATOR,
from Shanghai, has opened a
FURNITURE STORE
at
No. 45, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL.
The only Shop in Hongkong with this name.

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE
of every description can be made to
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Has been patronised by the Hongkong Club,
Hongkong Hotel, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.,
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Establishments in the Colony, to whom refer-
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manship and Materials of the Furniture, &c.,
supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. write as
follows:—
"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI
KWONG LOONG furnished the Annex to our
Dispensary and gave us every satisfac-
tion."

(Sd.) A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
ORDERS punctually attended to, and
CHARGES most moderate.
AN INSPECTION INVITED.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [50]

THE "THEA" AND "ARABIA."

The decision of the Supreme Court in St.
Petersburg in the matter of the steamship
Thea, and of the Dodwell shipment of flour
in the Arabia, is looked on as satisfactory,
and as a guarantee, in connection with the
Allanton case, that the wholly indefensible
decisions of the Vladivostok Prize Court
are liable to reversal. The decision in the
Arabia case, says the *L. & C. Express*,
implies that Russia concedes the principle of
conditional contraband. The decisions in the
three cases are thought to be traceable to the
influence of Professor Martens and Admiral
Koznakoff, the leading members of the appeal
tribunal. In these circumstances it is hoped
that justice will be done in the case of the
Knight Commander, and, in the worst of all
the outrages, the utterly indefensible act of the
sinking of the *Hipsang*. It is somewhat
curious, and may be remarked, that her owners,
the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company,
were sufferers for a long time in the case of the
Kowshing, whose sinking opened the war
with China ten years ago.

THE SINGAPORE HARBOUR
IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

In view of the great and vital importance
that the matter of increased boat accommoda-
tion bears to the interests of Singapore, it is
perhaps a matter of some regret that divergence
of opinion has arisen on the question. Looked
at from a distance of some few thousands of
miles the matter possibly presents itself in a
different aspect to that in which it is viewed
locally. Elsewhere in this impression we
(*L. & C. Express*) report a meeting of
the Straits Settlements Association, at which
the matter was considered. The general
consensus of opinion at that meeting
seemed to be that some large scheme was
absolutely essential to the continued well-being
and future welfare of Singapore. So far as
could be gathered, the opinions of the members
present seemed to be that the building of a
quay wall from Collyer Quay across Telok
Ayer Bay to Malay Point, and the reclamation
of some 85 acres of land, together with the
mole enclosing 270 acres of water space giving
the necessary accommodation for lighters, was,
not only absolutely, but was urgently, necessary.
Of the larger project, entailing three
outside moles giving 1,100 acres more of
enclosed harbour, several members ap-
peared to have considerable doubts, though
in this matter most persons considered
that it was purely an engineering question.
Presumably they did not like to fall under the
ban of Mr. Frank Swettenham's sarcasm, that
he was unaware of the previous existence of so
great an amount of amateur engineering talent
in the colony, and they therefore wisely re-
frained from recording their opinions on a
technical point. The scheme is essentially an
engineering matter, and laymen can scarcely
be in a position to give a competent opinion.
The Government has taken the best available
expert advice on the subject, and as far as that
point of view is concerned, the public must
abide by what that advice happens to be. On
the other aspect, the question of public opinion,
the definite statements of the present Governor
that he feels himself fully justified in stating
that the finances of the Colony will be able to
bear the burden. Sir John Anderson is known
as cautious and critical in such matters, and
we may therefore fully accept his dictum in the
matter.

If we eliminate from our minds certain asides
and issues that do not go directly to the root
of the matter we can find the whole subject is
comprised in one statement and one question.
The statement of fact is that the Singapore
River cannot possibly accommodate the traffic
that the necessities of Singapore now demand.
Deepening and widening the channel as far as
it is reasonably safe to do so, without endan-
gering the collapse of the side walls, and rais-
ing the bridges, are only measures that will
temporarily relieve the existing pressure and
congestion, and provide in no way for the
developments that can, with every confidence,
be looked for in the future. Singapore has,
unfortunately, not hitherto created for itself a
great reputation for looking far enough ahead.
We trust it will do so in the present case.
Having stated the fact, we would now ask
the question: Seeing that the river is impos-
sible, what is the best alternative scheme?
This can only be something such as the
Colonial Government has asked Mr. Mat-
thews to prepare, and on which he has sent
in his report. If trade increases in the future
as it has done in the past the river is an im-
possibility. A big scheme is needed, and any
scheme that is sufficiently large will take some
eight or ten years to carry out, and must in-
volve at being a provision for the growing
wants of Singapore for a long time ahead.
Nor does the scheme admit of delay. We
have already had six years of reports, com-
missions, and delays, six years of somewhat
desultory talk, but of no action being actually
initiated. The greater facilities are absolutely
necessary unless rivals in the neighbourhood
are to take away a portion of the growing trade
of Singapore, which would accrue if it has the
necessary facilities to handle it. Where it is a
technical engineering matter the community
must accept expert advice, which being received
should be acted upon. Improved facilities are
of vital importance to the colony—the most
important it has had to deal with for many
years. The matter must be handled in no
parochial spirit, and cost, if it is simply neces-
sary capital expenditure to bring your machinery
up to date, should not be haggled over. Even
if the scheme should exceed the estimated
twelve millions of dollars, the money would
have to be provided, if its necessity is proved.
We may note that those who opposed Mr.
Matthews' scheme at Singapore did so almost
exclusively on the ground that shipments of
produce outwards by sea-going steamers do
not require any harbour scheme; that they
could manage without it. But that is only

half the question. It is of equal importance
that suitable arrangements should be made for
the receipt on shore of the cargo, for its treat-
ment in godown, and for its re-shipment. It
will be vain to provide sea-going vessels in
ample numbers, and to give them all necessary
facilities, if the cargo cannot be brought to
shore, and treated there as circumstances
require. This seems to us the weak point in
the Singapore proposals.—*L. & C. Express*.

THE TORPEDO-BOAT INCIDENT.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MESSRS. SINNETT
AND ROCHE.

Summonses have been granted by the Bow
Street magistrate under the Foreign Enlist-
ment Act against the Hon James Burke Roche
and Mr. Sinnett in connection with the purchase
of the turbine boat *Caroline* and her alleged
delivery to the Russian Government. The
summonses are returnable at the beginning of
next week, says a home journal of 9th ult. Both
the defendants are now in Paris. The British
Government, it is understood, has taken action
on its own initiative, no complaint having been
made by Japan.

In a letter to *The Times* regarding the
Caroline, Mr. A. F. Yarrow states that negotia-
tions were opened by a Paris firm in July for
the sale of this vessel, which had been built for
the purpose of acting either as a high-speed
yacht or torpedo-boat, and that the Admiralty
was informed, and, having notified the matter
to the Foreign Office, Messrs. Yarrow were
asked in August not to complete the sale. On
Sept. 23 Mr. Sinnett and Mr. Roche called and
offered to buy the vessel, paying an instalment
down. The Admiralty was notified on Sept.
24 of the sale of the vessel, the name and
address of purchaser being given. An acknow-
ledgment, without comment, was received on
Sept. 30. On Oct. 3, as ample time had, in the
firm's opinion, elapsed from the date of their
letter, payment was received from the purchaser,
to whom in exchange the builders' certificate
was handed. The firm's connection with the
Caroline then ceased.

NORTH BORNEO.

The annual North Borneo dinner has again
been most successfully held, a distinguished
company being present at the function. It is
right and proper that such gatherings should be
of an optimistic nature, and that the best side
of matters should only be looked at. Mr.
Cowie was therefore quite in sympathy with
the gathering when he spoke of the possibilities
of the territory of North Borneo. Progress
may not be as rapid as those who guide the
ship would desire, but the probabilities are
still there, and with energy and perseverance
may be coaxing or driven into yielding that
reward which the labours of two—decades
entitle the workers to honestly look forward to.
All who read his remarks, even if they do not
share his optimism, will note that there is an
earnestness and a purpose, even if part of the
result is such as the chairman mentioned in
responding to the toast of his own health. We
must therefore cling to the announcement made
by Mr. Cowie in proposing "The Guests" when
he stated that Mr. E. P. Gueritz had been con-
firmed by the Court of Directors in the substan-
tive appointment of Governor of British North
Borneo and Labuan. With considerable local
knowledge Mr. Gueritz was made Acting-
Governor a year ago, and now, after twelve
months' probation, has the post confirmed to
him. We can only trust his tenure of the office
may be a time of advancing prosperity to the
territory, with an increasing population, which
means additional revenue.—*L. & C. Express*.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T.	1/11 7/16
Do. demand	1/11 11/16
Do. 4 months' sight	1/11 11/16
France—Bank T.T.	2.45 1/2
America—Bank T.T.	47 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T.	1.99 1/2
India T.T.	1.45 1/2
Do. demand	1.45 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	7 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T.	96 1/2
Java—Bank T.T.	117 1/2

Buying.

4 months' sight L/C.	1/11 13/16
6 months' sight L/C.	1/11 15/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York.	48 1/2
4 months' sight do.	49
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne.	10 1/16
4 months' sight France	2.49 1/2
6 months' sight do.	2.51
4 months' sight Germany	2.04
Bar Silver	27 9/16
Bank of England rate	3 1/2

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—	
Malwa New	@ 1,070
Old	@ 1,150/1,170
Older	@ 1,207/1,230
Punjab New	@ 1,115
Bengal New	@ 1,075
Persian (Paper)	@ 870/900

NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby informed that no
change has been made in the Rates of
Subscription to the *Hongkong Telegraph* and
they are warned against paying more than
Ten Cents (10c.) per Single Copy.

THE MANAGER,
Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1905.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
Established 1841.
AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

NOTICE.

WE beg to notify Customers that from
1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts
will be rendered for Aerated Waters.
An inclusive charge will be made for Waters
and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for
empties when returned.
Orders for Aerated Waters should be
addressed to
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
Aerated Water Manufactory,
Des Vaux Road Central.

PRICE LIST:

\$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated Water Bottles when returned in good condition.	
Per Doz.	
Soda Water	\$1.70
Soda Water in Bombay Bottles	1.80
Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda	1.80
Lemonade	1.80
Tonic Water	1.80
Lithia Water	1.95
Ginger Ale	1.95
Lemon Squash	1.95
Raspberryade	1.95
Stone Ginger Beer	1.95

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [1391]

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [1393]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in
the Company will be held at the Offices of the
Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Con-
naught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th
January, 1905, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of
receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Re-
port of the General Managers for the year end-
ing 31st December, 1904, declaring a Dividend
and electing a Consulting Committee and
Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the
14th January, until WEDNESDAY, the 18th
January, 1905, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [1118]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVEN-
TEENTH ORDINARY MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will
be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria
Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January,
1905, at 11.45 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors together
with Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1904.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY,
the 21st January, to MONDAY, the 30th
January, (both days inclusive), during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Invest-
ment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for the West Point Build-
ing Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [1120]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVEN-
TEENTH ORDINARY MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will
be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria
Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January,
1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors together
with Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1904.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY,
the 21st January, to MONDAY, the 30th
January, (both days inclusive), during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [121]

Intimation.

YOU WANT
PROVISIONS
AND
WINES
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GET YOUR SUPPLIES

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(SUCCESSORS TO

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Who are Suppliers of High Class

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Provisions,

French Bakers,
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BRANCHES:

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, HANKOW.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1905. [31]

THE WINE GROWERS
SUPPLY CO.



BARRETTO & Co.,
General Agents, Hongkong.

PORT WINE.

Direct shipment from the
COMPANHIA AGRICOLA E COMMERCIAL DOS
VINHOS DO PORTO,
(Successors to DONNA ANTONIA A. FERREIRA).

Monopoly for China of
THE WINE GROWERS SUPPLY CO.

Per Case of
12 Bottles.

Dry No. 1	Selected Old Port	\$50.00
Quinta do Porto	"	35.00
Dry No. 2	"	25.00
Quinta da Gama	"	20.00
Tawny, 1857, Vintage	"	15.00
Tawny, (White Label)	"	14.00
Medium Tawny, (Brown Label)	"	13.00

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ESTABLISHED
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ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

EXTRACT:

"I HAVE TAKEN PLEASURE
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(WATSON'S CELEBRATED E.
BLEND) AS THE FINEST
SCOTCH WHISKY I COULD
PROCURE."

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
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ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1905.

SIR,

we have this week
distributed over 2,000
copies of our price list
in Hongkong.

Should you by any
chance not have re-
ceived one, kindly call
or send for it.

We consider it

AN EYE-OPENER

and many congratula-
tory letters we have
received tell us it is so.

GREGOR & CO.,

WINE MERCHANTS,
34, Queen's Road.

N.B.—Please remember that all
our Wines and Spirits are
bottled at home, and that they
do not cost more than local
bottlings. In many instances
their cost is considerably less!

Hongkong, 12th January, 1905.

BIRTH.
On 7th January, at 9, Quinsan Gardens,
Shanghai, the wife of C. P. DAWSON of a son.
MARRIAGE.
On 7th January, at Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Shanghai, by the Rev. A. J. Walker, M.A.,
WILFRID FOX, younger son of Captain Wil-
liam P. Hamlin, of Greenock and Shanghai, to
ROSE ELLEN, daughter of Walter Loxton of
Kobe.
DEATH.
At North Shields, England, on the 3rd inst.,
ELIZA BAINBRIDGE, the beloved wife of Capt.
Bainbridge.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1905.

THE CURRENCY PROBLEM.

The steady rise in the value of silver during the past few months has been attributed by experts to the war in the North, the Mexican monetary reform, America's increasing trade with China, purchases by the Indian Government, and to the steady absorption of silver in the East. These are factors with which we are all more or less indirectly affected by reason of our unstable currency and the hardships under which we labour as against the more favourable conditions of commerce in gold-using countries. Fortunately, the plans of the Government of Mexico to bring about a change in her monetary system by going from silver to gold are gradually and steadily developing, and within the near future we may look to one of the greatest white metal producing countries of the world conducting the financial problems at a fixity of exchange. With the preliminary steps of that Government to effect this object most of us are well acquainted. The two Monetary Commissions to study the fiscal problem in all its aspects marked the commencement of reform, and the floating of the Mexican loan of \$40,000,000 in New York last November is regarded as a part of the carefully pre-considered plan for abandoning the silver basis without in any way disturbing Mexico's domestic or foreign commerce. The bulk of the loan is to be employed in refunding purposes, while the balance will be expended in public improvements. In the same month another important step was taken to wound the final consummation of this far-reaching plan in the introduction of a Bill in Congress discontinuing the coinage of the old style silver dollars for domestic use, although expressly permitting such coinage for use abroad. One clause of the Bill provides that the dollars to be coined for exportation shall not only be of the old style, but that they shall not be re-imported. For domestic use a new silver dollar is to be issued in place of the old dollars, as the latter are retired. This dollar, which will be distinctive in style from the one now in circulation, will substantially guarantee to maintain in value at fifty cents in gold, by agreeing to receive at that value for Customs and taxes. This important provision will, it is confidently expected, result in rapidly driving the old style dollar out of circulation in Mexico and placing the country virtually on a gold basis. As far as domestic purposes go, the free and unlimited coinage of silver is therefore to cease upon the passage of the new law—a step the magnitude and importance of which can readily be appreciated. The coinage of the old style dollars for exportation will naturally be confined to the demand for them, which is not expected to be very great, particularly in view of the fact that these dollars can no longer be re-imported in Mexico, and will therefore be useful only as a circulating medium in the silver standard countries purchasing them. A decline in the rate of exchange between New York and Mexico has been brought about by the proposed measure, with the result that certain industries are seen to be adversely affected for the time being. But such great changes as those proposed by the Mexican Government cannot fail to have much influence upon commerce, and during the months of these unsettled conditions the variations in the course of exchange will be wide and, perhaps, sensational. Relations between London and the Far East have for long been disturbed by the interrupted demand for silver, while the preparations for the Panama canal payment have also contributed to affect the exchange market.

BRITAIN'S FOREIGN TRADE.

Tariff reformers in Hongkong must have been greatly shocked on opening their home papers yesterday and glancing over the Board of Trade returns for the month of November to find that British trade persists in flourishing. The figures for the period under review show an increase of nearly two millions in imports, over three millions in exports, while re-exports of foreign and colonial produce furnishes the satisfactory increase of £908,000. Half of the figures realised under exports was due to the rise in the sending out of cotton goods, while the largest growth in the imports was in the item of sugar. The value of that commodity imported into Great Britain in November was £125,000 more than during the same period of the previous year. The explanation of this is probably that, owing to the increase of

the price at home, the other countries exported sugar to Great Britain. It seems, however, that the satisfactory increase in the foreign trade is accompanied by an unsatisfactory feature concerning the movements of bullion and specie. It is pointed out that while we have imported £6,182,000 more than in 1903, and £12,974,000 more than in 1902, we have had to send away £8,235,000 and £19,105,000 more than in the previous two years. In other words, although we received no less than £40,606,000 in the first eleven months of the year, we exported £42,000,000, and so actually lost £1,400,000 on balance.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

GENERAL S. Slade, C.B., is due in Hongkong at the end of the month.

THE French mail of the 13th December, was delivered in London on the 11th inst.

MR. E. H. CONGER (U.S. Minister) and Mrs. Conger are staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

MR. and Mrs. F. G. Figgie have left England on their return to the colony where they are due early in February.

No further cases of small-pox have been reported from the S.S. *Cranley*, which has been disinfected and fumigated.

THE editor of the *Kokumin Shimbun* (Tokio) has sent us a bundle of interesting papers dealing with the recent operations at and around Port Arthur.

THE Right Honourable James Lowther, formerly Under-Secretary for the Colonies, has been appointed Governor of Cape Colony to succeed Lord Milner.

"THE Campaign with Kurapatkin," written by Mr. Douglas Story, forms the subject of most favourable criticism in recent numbers of *T. P.'s Weekly and Answers*.

THE French Consul at Hupé is to receive the Double Dragon order of 1st class, 2nd division for his speedy settlement of the late trouble there with converts, says the *Jih Jih*.

THE Tientsin native Chamber of Commerce has been granted a wooden seal by the Board of Commerce, and the Directors of the Chamber are instructed to fetch it at the end of this month.

HIS many friends will be pleased to learn that the Emperor William has conferred the Order of the Red Eagle upon Dr. Eckhardt, Consul-General for Germany in Tientsin. A telegram to that effect was received on Christmas day.

A BILLIARD tournament, between members of the Chinese branch of the Y. M. C. A., for a valuable silver cup, is being arranged to take place shortly. Entries will close on the 15th inst. The cup has been presented by Mr. Lim.

A CHINESE merchant has petitioned for the establishment of a company for the monopoly of bricks, tiles, lime, etc., for building purposes, to supply all the government requirements at a reduced rate, but to pay no tax. It is said permission will be granted.—*P. and T. Times*.

THE *Novoi Vrimya* quotes official figures and reports that:—From 20th February to 13th Nov. the total receipts into the exchequer of the Society for strengthening the Russian Fleet amounted to 12,014,713 roubles, and orders were issued for 10,697,320 roubles in values.

THE record of cargoes of Manchester goods to India and the Far East has of late proved so generally unfavourable that the marine companies in London, Liverpool and Manchester recently agreed to a revised scale of premiums, to take effect at the beginning of next year.

THE petition of certain Chinese merchants to construct a railway from the Western Mills to Peking, for the conveyance of the coal has been refused, partly on the ground that the capital of £15,000,000 is not enough, and partly because the local officials have opposed it on the ground of fengshui.

A PICTURE by Romney, of two children walking, which, with two others, had been acquired by the late Mr. J. Tomlinson of Whitehaven for less than 20s., was sold at Christie's on 3rd inst. for 6,500 guineas. The two other pictures brought respectively 20s. and 40 guineas. A portrait by Natties realised 1,350 guineas, a Terburg 1,600 guineas, and a portrait by Sir T. Lawrence 2,000 guineas.

KING Carlos has made a magnificent gift to the nation, which has recently arrived at the Natural History Museum at South Kensington. It consists of some most valuable specimens of deep-sea fish, all of them caught during King Carlos's recent cruise in Portuguese waters. They have arrived in several large packing-cases, sent over from the King's special collection at Lisbon. Some of the specimens are sharks of four and five feet long.

WE are sorry to learn that Mr. W. E. Allen of the staff of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, has sustained a broken leg. It occurred while out riding with friends on Boxing Day. He was dismounted and was passing behind a hired horse ridden by a comrade when it lashed out with both feet and caused the injury referred to. After some unavoidable delay medical assistance was obtained, and the injured man was removed to his quarters, where we believe he is doing as well as can be expected. He must however be confined to his bed for some weeks.—*P. & T. Times*.

MAJOR Nathan, of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, expects to leave Shanghai for Hongkong by the German mail on Saturday.

A LUMINOUS ghost, taking the form of a man with a naked light in his cap, is reported from Bruce's Level, Pontypool, where old workings of coal, long since closed, have been re-opened.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Neithersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—A Zoroastrian, \$35.

IT appears that a "claim" in Klondyke given by a generous miner to King Edward some years ago has become valuable, and unless the King goes to work it the claim may be "jumped."

THE *Hongkong Times* is informed that the composition of the Boundary Commission has not yet been definitely settled, and that it will not leave Siam for another fortnight—by the *Donai* on her next trip.

VICEROY Tsen Chen Hsuen has telegraphed to Peking that, in view of the approach of the Baltic fleet to Far Eastern waters, special attention should be paid to such places as Chusan and Santaochu along the China coast which are important harbours, and that this step should be taken so as to safeguard China's neutrality rights.—*Universal Gazette*.

TO-MORROW afternoon the Hongkong Football Club will meet the Taikoo F. C. under Association Rules at Happy Valley. Kick-off at 4.15. The following will represent the Hongkong Club: Gaol: F. H. Kew; Backs: G. E. Morrell and W. G. Leckie; Halves: H. C. Gray, Lieut. Macdonald, and E. F. Aucott; Forwards: R. Macpherson, H. H. Taylor, W. H. Williams (capt.), C. Humphreys and J. Clark.

A DEVELOPMENT of American trade is the shipment of refined California oil in bulk from the Pacific coast to the Far East. During the week the Standard Oil Company has shipped 1,400,000 gallons per tank steamer *Houma* on to Shanghai, this being the first shipment in bulk to China. The Chinese market has hitherto been entirely supplied by Russian oil, or with case oil, shipped from American Atlantic ports.

MR. A. J. McClure, the prominent member of the S. C. C., several his connection on Saturday with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and sailed for Yokohama where he intends joining forces with his brother, as a stock and shares broker. He will prove to be a great loss in cricketing circles as he is a fine all round cricketer. His genial presence will be much missed at the bank where his never-failing courtesy was always in evidence.

HAVING settled (as recorded in these columns the other day) the arrangements for the study of Japanese by military officers, the authorities have now turned their attention to the best way of encouraging the study of Chinese among members of the Burmah Commission. In accordance with this, it has been decided to give a "language reward" of 3,000 rupees to any officer of the Commission who passes an examination in Chinese according to the standard laid down by the Home Department. Intending candidates for this gratuity who pass an elementary test will be given an opportunity of spending twelve months in China for the purpose of improving their knowledge of the language.

THE Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine are sending two medical expeditions during the present month to West Africa. The first will visit Gambia, Konakry, and Sierra Leone, and the second will be in charge of Colonel Gales, late Sanitary Commissioner, North Western Provinces, India, and he will visit the Gold Coast, Lagos and Nigeria. The objective of the expedition will be to study the distribution of biting insects, to which in Africa a large proportion of prevalent disease is attributable, and the study of the question of domestic anti-malarial measures in various colonies. The Liverpool School of Medicine already have an expedition engaged in studying the sleeping sickness on the Congo.

A CHINAMAN from the New Territory was charged before Mr. Hazeland this morning, with being in possession of arms, to wit, a long-sword, without a permit from the Captain. Superintendent of Police. The defendant stated that he was a market-gardener, and kept the sword to keep away robbers who were always stealing his produce. This morning he heard a great barking of dogs, and thinking there were robbers about, he grasped his sword, and made a sortie to reconnoitre when he ran full tilt into the arms of a Chinese detective who arrested him. This case was remanded for investigation into his antecedents, and as to whether he was a proper person to whom to grant the necessary permit.

"MESNEYS MISCELLANY" is a quaint and interesting journal, published weekly in Shanghai, and priced at 30 cents a copy. The second number of the fourth volume reached us this morning, and although we have not had an opportunity of carefully reading it through we should imagine it to be a work of considerable importance for persons desirous of gaining information on all matters relating to China and the Chinese. The contents of this number include Anglo-Chinese notes, commercial notes, military service in China, telegrams of the week, progress in the Celestial empire, adventures of a British privateer, a portrait of Ming Tai Tsu, a former emperor of China and founder of the Ming dynasty, and a photograph of the first Marquis Taibing.

PRINCE Ching has received instructions from the Throne to have all important matters in the English and Japanese papers translated.

By kind permission of Col. Caulfield and officers, the Band of the 110th Mahratta Light Infantry will play the following selection at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow evening, (Saturday), the 14th inst.:—
March: "When the moon with glory brightens" Arbuckle Selection, "The Earl and the Girl" Caryl Vale, "Auf Schwägen der Liebe" Holm Song, "The Light of the World" Adams Selection, "The Belle of New York" Kerker Bolero, "La Son Rosa" Waldteufel.
God save the King.

THE latest dynastic plot story in Constantinople takes a singular form—that of the arrest of a woman and a foreigner. The prisoner, who is a qualified doctor in medicine, is a Russian lady named Sibolo, and she acted for years as medical attendant to the deposed Sultan Murad's harem. The ground of her arrest is that she maintains political relations with the party attached to the heirs of the dead ex-Sultan. It is a fact that she has been constituted Murad's literary executor, and possesses the memoirs drawn up by him after his deposition. These contain many compromising revelations.

UNMANIFESTED AMMUNITION.

CAPTAIN OF "TUNGCHOW"

FINED MAXIMUM PENALTY.

Frederick A. Parkes, master of the s.s. *Tungchow*, appeared before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, at the Magistracy, this afternoon, in answer to a summons for not having supplied to the Harbour Master, on arrival in this port, a manifest of the ammunition he had among his cargo on board, and for bringing such cargo into the harbour without notice to the harbour authorities.

Captain Parkes, on having the charge explained to him, said that he admitted the facts. A boarding officer from the Harbour Department said that there were 250 tons of ammunition on the ship. The Captain told him this as soon as he went on board. A manifest must be furnished to the Harbour Master of all cargo on board. This was not done in this case.

The Captain said it was only stress that drove him to Hongkong. He was short of coal and fresh water, and it was not intended that the ammunition should appear in Hongkong; he only came here as an absolute necessity.

His Worship said that it was a serious matter; the quantity of ammunition was large and he would inflict the maximum penalty. The defendant was then fined \$250.

"TRUTH" AND FREEMASONRY.

Freemasonry with us is a very harmless association of persons who like to disport themselves in curious dress, to dine together, and to indulge in solemnly repeating in their lodges a more or less ancient ritual. They have secret signs and a pass-word by which they make themselves known to each other, and beyond a knowledge of the ritual (which very few of them really do know) they have no secrets. The pass-word is "Boas." The sign is in the shape of a right angle. When making it the hand ought properly to be drawn across the throat, but this is not necessary. The ritual consists of a long account how a certain Hiram Abif, when employed in building Solomon's temple, was thrown down from a scaffold and killed by the fall, and the members of the lodge declare their regret for the untimely end of this mythical mason. When a person becomes a Freemason he has to stand blindfolded in a lodge, with one leg and one arm bared, without any coin or metal on his person, and with a rope round his neck. He swears to keep the secrets of the "craft," and hopes that if he does not he may be buried between high water and low water. He keeps the secrets religiously, for the very good reason that there are no secrets. Freemasonry is, in fact, with us simply a mutual aid or benevolent society. It practises charity to its poorer members, and maintains many useful charitable institutions. Beyond this, it does nothing but dine, and wear aprons and other such personal paraphernalia on festive occasions.—*Truth*. The above will be found amusing by those of the Craft, and interesting to the uninitiated.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.
English (*Sinla*) 14th inst.
American (*Siberia*) 14th inst.
Australian (*Trinan*) 15th inst.
Indian (*Lightning*) 16th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 16th inst.
German (*Roon*) 17th inst.
American (*Gaelic*) 18th inst.
German (*Zieten*) 19th inst.
Indian (*Suisang*) 25th inst.

The s.s. *Germanicus* arrived at Yokohama on 9th inst.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s s.s. *Lyra* sailed from Kobe on 12th inst.

The s.s. *Sinla* with the English Mail left Singapore on 9th inst. at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on 14th inst.

The H. A. L. s.s. *Andalucia* from Hamburg left Singapore for this port on 12th inst., and may be expected here on 19th inst.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of India* arrived at Kobe at 3 p.m. on 11th inst., and left again at midnight same day, via Nagasaki for Shanghai where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on 15th inst.

The Sikk ex C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan* which left Hongkong on 14th ult., and Yokohama on 23rd ult., arrived in New York on 12th inst., thus making a transit of 29 days from Hongkong and 20 days from Yokohama.

TELEGRAM.

(Consular Telegram.)

PORT ARTHUR SPOILS.

BATTLESHIPS, CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS

ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, has kindly forwarded to us the following telegram:—

Tokio, 12th January, 9.5 p.m.

On Thursday, General Nogi reports that the delivery of the booty was completed, including the occupation of 50 permanent forts. Principal among the booty taken over are 546 guns, whereof 51 are of large calibre, 149 medium, and 343 small calibre, 82,070 cannonballs, ammunition 80,000 kilos, 95,252 rifles, and 1,920 horses, four battleships, not including the *Sevastopol* which was entirely sunk, two cruisers, and gunboats and destroyers 14 in number, ten steamers, etc., besides 35 small vessels which are usable after minor repairs have been effected.

SHIPPING JETSAM.

The s.s. *Chitli* from Wakamatsu, in Lat. 22° 15' N. and Long. 114° 55' E., signalled the British ship *Forrest Hall* of Liverpool which wished to be reported all well.

On the occasion of the approaching departure of the steamship *Father* for the Philippines, where she will be engaged in survey work, a number of guests were invited by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., to visit the vessel and inspect the interior. The vessel has been completed in an unusually handsome manner, and is undoubtedly a credit to the builder. According to the statement which was issued to the visitors, the vessel is 152 ft. long, 44 ft. between perpendiculars, 25 ft. moulded breadth and 12 ft. 6 in. deep. She has a speed of ten knots and has a draught of nine feet. There is an electrical equipment on board, including a search-light, and all the vessels is schooner-rigged and all the necessities are up to date, the officers' and men's quarters being particularly airy and roomy. The vessel is built to Lloyd's certificate as a A1 and should prove a valuable addition to the surveying craft in Eastern waters.

The Messageries Maritimes are to open a regular monthly cargo service between Antwerp and the Far East in January with four steamers of 12,000 tons each, which have been specially built for this trade.

A quartermaster, named Burke, belonging to the F. & C. s.s. *Coromandel* was recently charged at Shanghai with assaulting Capt. G. M. Montford, master of the ship. In the dock accused behaved in a crazy manner, and as evidence tendered showed that his conduct aboard had been exceedingly strange the hearing was adjourned to permit of an examination being made into his mental condition.

The Hamburg-American Line Directors have issued a statement, endorsing British grievances against the Suez Canal Company, whose mismanagement exasperates the whole shipping world. It emphasises the necessity of something being done, otherwise Russia, with her Trans-Siberian railway, and America, who will reap the bulk of the benefit from the development of trade in the Far East, which will follow on the close of the war.

It appears that on the day when Messrs. Galbraith, Pembroke, & Co., the owners of the *Strenuous*, applied to the admiralty to send H.M.S. *Rosario* in search of their ship, the loss sheet at Lloyd's was an exceptionally heavy one, including two liners totally lost, besides a number of other vessels wrecked and numerous minor casualties. Altogether the losses involved nearly £500,000. The *Strenuous*, with her cargo, was valued at over £100,000.

The O. S. K. S. *Tachi Maru* arrived at Shanghai from Hankow on Saturday evening, having on board passengers transferred from the C. N. S. *Kinling*, which ran aground on the Ella Rocks on the morning of the 2nd inst. The *Tachi Maru* saw the *Kinling* aground on the rocks, two miles below Kichat, at 5.50 a.m. on the 6th inst., and at the request of the captain of the *Kinling* stopped and transhipped all the passengers and mails. The damage to the *Kinling* is considerable and it is not likely that she will get clear of the rocks for some days to come.

The North German Lloyd has recently been paying particular attention to its local and coasting services in the Far East. For the Singapore-British North-Borneo Line it has constructed two new freight and passenger steamers at the shipyard of Henry Koch in Lubeck. The vessels have been constructed with the most modern appliances for service in tropical waters. They have accommodation for twenty first-class and nine second-class passengers besides native accommodation. They are of 1,500 tons net register, and have a speed of eleven knots.

Many British shipowners have made a good thing of it by attempting to carry contraband to Port Arthur. There was, of course, nothing illegal in that. Shipowners are quite entitled to carry contraband if they like, but, of course, they run the risk of capture, with the loss of the vessel and cargo. In the case of the shipowner, this is no risk at all. All vessels and cargoes have insured at the enormous premium of thirty guineas per cent, and this premium was paid by the Russian Government. The shipowner whose vessel tried to run the blockade, therefore, stood to lose nothing, but to gain a very handsome return on the venture. Recently a large steamer left for China. She had on board 4,000 tons of ammunition, and a large quantity of food. There was no doubt that her cargo was really intended for Port Arthur, and if she was successful the owners would make an enormous profit. If she had been captured, the insurance of the vessel and her cargo paid by the Russian Government would secure them against loss.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

THE CANTON DISTURBANCE.

PEACE RESTORED.

OFFICIAL ACTION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, January 13th, 3.15 p.m.

At 3 p.m. yesterday a large gathering of officials arrived on the scene of the disturbance in the 18th Ward of the City, and immediately had the imprisoned tradesman released, and on giving an assurance that the police would be punished the excited crowd gradually dispersed.

Most of the street gates were opened by 6 p.m. and a few shops resumed business, while to-day trade is carried on as usual.

When the officials arrived yesterday there were at least 8,000 to 10,000 persons assembled, and so threatening was the outlook that 2,000 more troops were called out.

About a dozen men were wounded; many rioters were arrested.

(Reuter's.)

The Japanese Fleet.

LONDON, 17th January.

Reuter's Mauritius correspondent wires that it is rumoured the Japanese fleet is at Diego Garcia, a dependency of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean.

The Russian Baltic Fleet.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky was informed, on the 2nd instant, that the Japanese fleet had proceeded to meet his fleet, and the Russians have redoubled their vigilance. Admiral Rozhdestvensky's A.D.C., interviewed at Tamatave on the 3rd instant, said that the squadron would require months to cross the Indian Ocean.

France.

M. Doumer, who has been elected President of the Chamber, addressing a meeting of the Radical Left prior to his election, declared that every opportunity must be taken to subject the Ministry to a reverse.

LATER.

The United States and the Hankow-Canton Railway.

The American Government has informed China that it does not approve of the proposed cancellation of the concession of the Hankow-Canton Railway and that it regards the American concessionaires as entitled to the protection of the American Government.

France and Japan.

The publication in the French papers of an exhaustive statement written by Baron Kodama in 1902, explaining Japanese ambitions, and setting forth particularly designs against Indo-China, is creating a sensation in Paris. The Japanese Legations deny the authenticity of the statement, but it has nevertheless produced an impression.

THE TSAR AND H.M.S. "TALBOT"

The following further particulars of the Tsar's gift to the officers and men of H.M.S. *Talbot*, as recorded in these columns last month, will be of interest:—The text of the Admiralty notification reads:

"His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia has been graciously pleased to present a silver bowl and lade to the wardroom officers of H.M.S. *Talbot* for their services to the crew of the Russian warships engaged at the battle of Chemulpo, and also a cheque for £500 to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as president of the Royal Naval Fund, to which this money is destined, in recognition of the *Talbot's* services."

The bowl has the following inscription round the base:

"Presented by the Emperor of Russia to the wardroom of his Majesty's ship *Talbot*, in friendly recognition of the assistance rendered to the crews of the *Varyag* and *Koreia* after the battle of Tchemulpo, February, 1904."

"An expression of the cordial appreciation of his Majesty's Government of this gracious act has been conveyed to his Imperial Majesty through the Russian Ambassador at this Court, and the Board of Admiralty desire, on behalf of the officers of H.M.S. *Talbot*, to record their acknowledgments of the generous gift of his Imperial Majesty, which will be a lasting memento of an occasion on which the officers and crew of the ship were fortunately able to afford assistance to their fellow-sailors in distress."

"The present will be kept in the wardroom of H.M.S. *Talbot* whenever she is in commission—at other times in the officers' mess of the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham. For the present, however, it will be entrusted to the care of Capt. Lewis Bayly, R.N., of H.M.S. *Queen*, who was captain of H.M.S. *Talbot* in February, 1904."

PORT ARTHUR.

THE DISPOSAL OF NON-COMBATANTS.

The question of the disposal of the non-combatants who were in Port Arthur at the time of its surrender and who are to be set at liberty by the terms of the capitulation agreement, is already exercising the attention of the Russian authorities at Chelof and Shanghai. As a matter of fact, the first batch of these released non-combatants, numbering one thousand, have already left Daluy for Chelof, and the *Shanghai Mercury* understands Major-General Dessino, who has been entrusted with the charge of the arrangements for their reception, has already chartered a steamer to bring them to Shanghai. General Dessino, however, fully recognises the undesirability of flooding Shanghai with these non-combatants, most of whom are, no doubt, destitute, and he intends to despatch them on the first opportunity to Europe. As, however, there will necessarily be an interregnum, the General approached Mr. T. Rataid, the French Consul-General, with a request that the use of the old French camp, in the French extension might be given him in order to house these unfortunate people, and Mr. Rataid very kindly gave his consent to this arrangement. As, however, it is understood that there are upwards of 4,000 of these non-combatants to dispose of and the housing accommodation at the camp would therefore probably prove inadequate, the German authorities at Tsin-tsin have been requisitioned to lend or sell old corrugated iron huts in which the German soldiers were formerly housed, and we believe the request will be complied with. It is probable, however, unless the Russian authorities are extremely vigilant in their care of these non-combatants, the influx of the many undesirable, who are certain to form a large proportion, will have serious consequences to the preservation of good order in the Settlement.

ENGLAND'S EASTERN NAVAL DEPOTS.

SINGAPORE OPINION.

In an editorial on the 4th inst., the *S. F. Press* writes:—

In another column will be found an interesting article, in the form of an interview, in the *Hongkong Telegraph* on the question of the Eastern Naval Depots of Britain. The motive of the interview appears to be the expropriation of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company by direction of the Imperial Government on behalf of the Colonial Government. The news is read along with the announcement that there is to be a redistribution of naval commands throughout the Empire. And as one feature of this redistribution is to imply the uniting of the China, Australian and East Indies commands under one responsibility, it becomes obvious that it is impossible to avoid connecting the new Admiralty naval policy at Singapore with this unitification of command. With the Australian and the East Indies squadrons as reserves for the advance squadron, the China (plus the super-added Pacific) squadron, it becomes plain that Wei-hai-wei will be the scouting base, Hongkong the advanced base, Singapore the main or supporting base, and Sydney and Trincomalee (with Bombay) the reserve bases. For joint administration Singapore is the natural focus, but for docking and refit Hongkong will remain the chief base until the Admiralty policy shall have had its contemplated effect in more fully equipping Singapore for similar work to that now executed at Hongkong. When Singapore is so fully equipped, and the taking over of Tanjong Pagar undoubtedly implies that, among other things—it is probable that the dockyard work will be done both by Singapore and Hongkong in the ratio of the facilities for the time being, in regard to supply, refit and repair. Already, as a reference to previous published Navy Estimates will show, provision is made for naval stores here, and there is not the least doubt that the one great work to be carried out at Keppel Harbour is the construction of the long-tailed Admiralty dry dock. This will mean an extension of workshops adapted to the execution of naval repairs and minor construction. It will mean a naval staff. As for many years we have pointed out, the narrow waters round Singapore and in the Malacca Straits are an ideal cruising ground for a torpedo flotilla. Nothing would be more natural, although there is as yet no official information available, than that the local defences should not only include the passive minefields but the offensive defence in the form of a small division of torpedo boats held in reserve, as at present at Hongkong. We recollect quoting from a prize Naval Essay two or three years ago, in which, in his perusal of the topic of coaling-stations, the writer of the essay allotted three torpedo boats to Singapore, even in the days of the separate commands. All this, when it comes to pass, must mean more executive work done at Singapore dockyard, including the docking of the largest type of ship in the naval fleet. This larger resort to Singapore will mean greater activity and much more money circulating. All this will react beneficially on general business, and in many indirect ways the transfer of Tanjong Pagar from a private company to Government, however its operations may be directed, may imply a valuable additional stimulus to our local trade. It is well-known that, both here and at Ceylon, tentative efforts on behalf of foreign interests have been made to acquire, through the Tanjong Pagar Board or otherwise, certain portions of the foreshore within Keppel Harbour or elsewhere, notably in case of the St. James's property. It will be admitted that the reversion of the entire foreshore, on both sides of Keppel Harbour, to the Government, removes the temptation to any such efforts at acquisition of foreshore, which again, under possible conditions, might be made a subject of regrettable, and what should have been unnecessary, even impossible, contention. This policy of an inflexible retention of foreshore is, we have reason to believe, now to be fully enforced in all British Crown dependencies, certainly in Ceylon, the Straits, and Hongkong.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE AMERICAN MAIL SERVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."—SIR,—The mercantile community has already voiced its dissatisfaction in regard to the irregularity with which the Pacific mail companies have of late been running their steamers, and whilst the matter is engaging public attention, a word too might be said in connection with the vagaries indulged in by those responsible for the handling of the mails coming by those boats. In the majority of cases mails destined for Hongkong, by the vessels which have to call at Manila en route, are treated to a journey to that port, instead of, as one might reasonably expect, being transhipped either at Kobe or Nagasaki to some other steamer with chances of arriving here earlier. Why this is not done is a question which the parties concerned may be able to answer, though hardly in a manner to satisfy a long-suffering public. But the climax is reached with the treatment meted out to the mails arriving ex *Gallic*. Despatched from San Francisco four days earlier, the *Gallic* left Yokohama only a day ahead of the *Sibiria*, and as the former has to go to Manila besides, it was decided to transfer her mails to some other vessel. Instead, however, of putting them on board of the *Sibiria*, due here on the 14th, they were transhipped at Nagasaki to the North German Lloyd steamer *Roon*, due here on the 17th. Could official supineness go to any greater lengths than that?—Yours, &c.

DISGUSTED.

12th January, 1905.

THE RISE IN EXCHANGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—The question of fluctuation in exchange and the rise in the price of foodstuffs and so on, will be fresh in the memory of most residents here. When the dollar went down to 1/63 many of the compradores discussed the advisability of raising prices of commodities, etc., while hotels and other establishments took a similar step. The dollar, now approaching 2/-, brings us evidence on the part of neither of these people to lower their rates. Granted, in the case of hotels, that the high rates they have now to pay for their licences is some slight excuse for this, as regards compradores and others there seems to be no excuse whatever. A few months ago it was possible to obtain, on changing a \$5 note or \$10 note, four to five cents premium, but at the present day the tender of such notes will only receive \$1.96 for a \$5 note or \$9.92 for a \$10 note, and so on. Is it to be understood by this that the Bank currency notes are not acceptable at their face value, or that the Government has also increased the licences of the money-changers? Or, is it that these changes have such enormous rents to pay, as others have in the Colony? I know a case in which a person who came to the Colony some eight years ago, was receiving a rental for a semi-European flat, of \$9 per month. In two years he raised the rent and by increments of \$5 per mensem, it has now reached the exorbitant sum of \$30. These and other matters apparently affected by exchange certainly deserve attention, more so perhaps in the case of foodstuffs, which despite certain recommendations of a Government Committee seem as dear as ever and no likelihood of a cheaper market. Lists of prices of certain articles obtainable at the market are printed in the local press, but in the absence of inspectors it is difficult to get the salesmen to abide by those figures. They have their own prices, which evidently they fix according to the recommendations of the numerous guilds. European stores should set an example as if rates are lowered when exchange goes up there should still be an ample profit to enable keen competition to compel others to follow in their line and thus secure a fair field with no favours.—Yours, etc., A. N. R.

Hongkong, 12th January.

HOLLYWOOD ROAD FIRE.

THIRTEEN LIVES LOST.

In our account of the fatal fire which took place at No. 168 Hollywood Road, yesterday morning, we mentioned that an old man, severely burnt, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, and seven of the inmates of No. 2 storey were missing. Later in the day the old man, uncle of the school-master, Wong Pak Mo, died as a result of his injuries, and in the subsequent search among the debris Sergeant Macdonald discovered the charred corpses of six of the unfortunate victims burned beyond recognition; these were also sent to the mortuary at West Point. The inhabitants of Nos. 37, 39, and 41 Square Street, all escaped uninjured, and saved a good deal of their property, but the houses were badly damaged, No. 39 being practically demolished. The whole circumstances of this outbreak are viewed with the gravest suspicion.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG V. KOWLOON.

The match fixed for to-morrow, the 14th instant, is Hongkong versus Kowloon. Play commences at 12 o'clock (noon). The following have been selected to play:—

Hongkong:—R. Hancock, H. Hancock, G. E. Morrell, T. E. Pearce, Com. Sheldford, R.N.; C. H. Mackay, R. E. O. Bird, Com. Bentinck, R.N.; Lt. Benbow, R.N., Major A. A. Chichester, A.C., and P. C. Butcher.

Kowloon:—Lt. P. M. Heath, Lt. A. W. B. Duncan, R.A., G. H. W. Dobbyn, R.A., J. C. M. Doran, A.S.C., Capt. H. W. Smith, R.A., A.N.C., G. Lightfoot, W. Dixon, J. Parker, E. R. Heaton and W. F. Lumden, R.A.

THE EMIGRATION PROSECUTION.

The case in which Wong Chak Tung and Wong Tim were charged with conspiring to defraud the China Navigation Company and the Eastern Australia S. N. Co., was called on again on remand, before Mr. H. U. J. Gompertz, at the Magistrate's Court this afternoon.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton for the first defendant.

Mr. Bowley said that he would call Mr. Otto Kong Sing, Solicitor, to testify as to the law in Australia regarding emigration.

Mr. Hall Brutton objected, saying that there was nothing in the charges touching any Australian laws; the charges referred solely to attempting to defraud certain companies in this Colony.

His Worship said that certain questions had arisen as to the necessity of the emigrant's having his portraits on their papers, and perhaps it would be as well to hear Mr. Otto Kong Sing, and on cross-examination, Mr. Hall Brutton could deal with the relevancy of the evidence.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing then gave evidence to the effect that in all cases of unauthorised Asiatics effecting a landing in Australia, the captain and officers of the steamer bringing in such emigrants were held liable, and might be called upon to pay heavy fines.

By Mr. Brutton: Prohibited persons need not always mean persons without naturalization papers; it applied to aliens, who were imbeciles, or otherwise undesirable persons. Shown certain naturalization paper forms, witness said he could not say if those were in force now, as they were made out on State papers while at present they should be on Commonwealth papers. He had seen many papers, but had never seen any photographs on them. Persons arriving in Australia with false naturalization papers would most decidedly be held to be prohibited persons.

Mr. Brutton: On proof of their falseness, of course.

His Worship: Of course.

Witness: Just so.

Han Tim was then called, and asked by Mr. Bowley if he could write any European language, Mr. Brutton took exception to this evidence as the witness was merely called with regard to certain letters which were to be put in.

His Worship said that, with the Court's leave, this evidence could be admitted, and after further argument the witness was permitted to continue his evidence, and spoke as to the receipt of certain letters from the first accused regarding the papers in question.

By Mr. Brutton: He never went to the address to get the letters for him; they were brought to him by Wong King. He knew all these letters were in the handwriting of the defendant, because he had once had a receipt signed by him. That was the only way he knew the writing. Witness could not write any English at all. Shown the receipt and the letters he was asked to point out how he knew the letters were written by the same person, and said because Wong King had brought them to him. He did not know of his own knowledge that the letters were written by the first defendant. Witness had no friends in Australia.

Mr. Brutton: But you have said that you had. Continuing, witness said that when he went to buy his papers he told the men he had friends there who would look after him. He did not say he would send his photograph to friends in Australia, so that they could identify him on arrival, as they had not seen him for a long time. He did not know why the photographs were taken. He had never been in gaol, and did not know how the police knew so much about him. He had known the second defendant only since he went with him to the photographers. He did not know how many masters there were in the Chau Tak. He paid \$50 to the second defendant after the photographs had been taken.

Re-examined by Mr. Bowley, witness said the "chops" on the receipt produced and the letters shown were the same. On the receipt of each letter he went in the evening to see the first defendant. If the Chinese characters were easy he could read them. He could read the receipt shown him.

Yeung Pui said he was employed in Messrs. Watson and Co's Godowns. He had known the second defendant for several years. Within the last month or two he came to the Godown, and said:—

Mr. Bowley objected to this as it was not evidence.

Mr. Brutton said he wanted to prove that the man was out of work and wanted witness to get him employment.

Witness, continuing, said the second defendant was out of work, and the first defendant gave him food and a sleeping place; but paid him no wages.

By Mr. Bowley: He knew the second defendant several years. Witness had been in Hongkong about 10 years. He knew all the places, but did not know the names of the streets. He knew the Wing Tai shop in Queen's Road. He thought that was where passengers got tickets for California or Australia. The second defendant was a *fei* there when the shop was open, but when it closed he went to the Chuen flog. He did not know whether the second defendant used to take passengers to be photographed, and get a *chun*ka. The first defendant was the master of the Wing Tai. He closed it some time ago, but witness did not know where he went. He did not hear of any emigrants to Australia failing to get ashore and coming back to sue the Wing Tai. Witness had never been to the Chuen Hop. He did not know anything about Wing Tai being raided on suspicion of being a gambling den.

To Mr. Brutton: The Wing Tai is a money-changer's shop.

Mr. Brutton then reviewed the charges, and said the prosecution had to prove conspiracy to defraud the Han Mau Tim, and the Steamship Companies. As regards the case of Han Tim, he submitted that the case must fail, as there was no criminal offence, as Han Tim was a cat's paw and knew, as it appears in evidence, that he would be given false papers, there was no fraud there. As regards the Steamship Companies they would be indemnified, as it had been given in evidence that they stood to lose nothing and if any were indemnified it would be the brokers, as they guaranteed the companies against all losses on passages and return of alien emigrants.

The argument was proceeding when our reporter left the Court.

DESPERATE PIRACY IN THE HARBOUR.

SMART POLICE WORK.

At about four o'clock this morning a most daring armed robbery took place in the harbour by a band of twelve pirates, who succeeded in getting away, temporarily, with a sum of about \$2,000, the property of the master of a Shaikwan pass-junk. It appears that these pass-junks are licensed by the month to enter and leave the port without notice to the Harbour Authorities at any hour of the day or night, carrying goods and passengers to different parts of the New Territory. In accordance with her usual run the junk in question had this morning, at the hour named, left Shaikwan. As she was proceeding past Quarry Bay, a boat shot out from the shore and a gang of twelve pirates, who were on board, coming alongside the junk, seized their arms, consisting of long swords, and broke their way on board. After terrorizing the crew of the junk they proceeded to search her, while some of the band made their way up to the place where they seemed intuitively to know the funds of the junk were kept. There they secured some \$2,000, and still threatening the junk's crew, but otherwise using no violence, they made off in their boat in the direction of Quarry Bay. The junk-master then anchored his vessel, and went and made a report of the occurrence to the water police detectives who thereupon sent out to see if any trace of the men could be found, and one of the pirates was arrested at about a quarter to seven o'clock, in Hollywood Road, being subsequently identified by the junk people as one of the marauders, two others being afterwards arrested near the same place. On the first man arrested the whole of the loot was found. The master of the junk stated that when the pirates boarded his vessel they threw cayenne pepper in the eyes of the crew thus preventing them from doing anything to stop their depredations. It appears that the pirates, after leaving the junk, made off in the direction of Quarry Bay, but evidently doubled in their tracks, inasmuch as so soon after the occurrence three of the men were arrested in Victoria. A vigorous search is being prosecuted for the rest of the pirate gang, who are not believed to be far away.

COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO.

USUAL DIVIDEND.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., has kindly informed us that, subject to audit, the directors will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders the payment of a dividend of \$60 per share for the second half year of 1904.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

It is reported that the Banks have extended the time for the payment of the Chinese advances as a result of the deputation of Chinese merchants who waited upon the different Banks concerned. To-morrow was the day fixed for the loans to be called in, but now that the difficulty has been eased over the stringency in the money market is somewhat relaxed. Besides, cash is expected to arrive by the incoming mail, and although a plethora of ready money may not be apparent at the moment, it is safe to say that the worst is now over.

This improvement is very noticeable in the list of stocks quoted below. For what are called local gilt-edged securities there are plenty of inquiries, while speculative stocks are also in demand both for cash and forward, which, however, meet with no response from the fact that has become common knowledge that all local companies, without exception, are earning handsome profits in their respective lines of business.

In Indo-China business has been done at \$130 for June delivery, but at this rate no more shares are obtainable. There are strong buyers. Cash shares close at \$124 buyers, and no shares offering.

China Sugars have been run down to \$218 under "bear" influence; strong demand prevails for shares, but none are forthcoming. Early in the day, August business was concluded at \$234. \$235 is now being offered for the same month without sellers coming forward. April shares are wanted at \$235. No shares being on the market, for cash or on time, the forward rates are higher than the equivalent of the closing cash rate of \$218 buyers.

Locally Farnhams are quoted buyers at Tls. 152, Shanghai advices give Hongkew at Tls. 145 cash buyers and Tls. 150 March, both c.n.t. at par.

Langkats are lower at Tls. 260.

Quotations for the week close as follows:—

Hongkong Banks	... ..	\$7.5 £71
National Banks	... ..	38 s.
Union Insurances	... ..	690 s.
China Traders	... ..	58 b.
Canton Insurances	... ..	250 s.
Hongkong Fires	... ..	340 b.
China Fires	... ..	91 sa. and b.
H. C. & M. Steamboats	... ..	27 b.
Indo-Chinas	... ..	124 b.
Douglases	... ..	338 sa. and b.
Shell Transports	... ..	25/-
China Sugars	... ..	218 b.
Luzons	... ..	17 b.
Raubis	... ..	34 sa. and b.
H. K. & Whampoa Docks	... ..	217 b.
Wharves (old)	... ..	104 b. ex new
do. (new)	... ..	102 b.
Farnhams	... ..	Tls. 152 b.
Hongkong Lands	... ..	146 s.
Hongkong Hotels	... ..	142.5 s.
Humphreys Estates (old)	... ..	124 b.
do. (new)	... ..	113
Hongkong Cottons	... ..	13 sa.
Green Island Cements	... ..	29 s.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. J. I. Plummer, Chief Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 13th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen slightly in the Philippines and has fallen at all other stations.

Gradients are slight upon the eastern coast of China and light NE. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel. To the southward the gradient is a little more marked and moderate NE. monsoon will prevail in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate E to NE. winds, cloudy, fair.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

— MENU —

DINNER, JANUARY 14TH, 1905.

HORS D'OEUVRES.

Anchovy Canapes.

SOUP.

Mock Turtle.

FISH.

Boiled Fish a la Regence.

ENTREES.

Australian Lamb Cutlets and Green Peas.

Jugged Hare and Red Currant Jelly.

Baked Macaroni and Tomatoes.

CURRY.

Oyster Curry.

HOT JOINTS, &c.

Roast Ribs of Beef.

Roast Capon and Bacon.

Boiled Spiced Beef and Carrots.

COLD ENTREE.

Cold Stuffed Turkey and Tongue and French Bean Salad.

SWEETS.

Bread and Butter Pudding.

Chocolate Ice Cream and Genoa Cake.

Apple Tart. Topsy Cake.

DESSERT.

Coffee. Fruits.

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THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January, 1905, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 24th January, to MONDAY, the 30th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1905. [132]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, HAMBURG AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE"
Captain W. A. Evans, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. CO., LD.

JOINT SERVICES.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
AND SUMATRA PORTS.FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	24th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	25th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	26th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	31st January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
*GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"HECTOR"	19th January, noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"HYSON"	22nd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"PRIAM"	31st January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	14th February.
*GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"AJAX"	20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	28th February.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TYDEUS"	27th January.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"PAKHOI"	14th January.
SHANGHAI	"HUMAN"	16th "
SHANGHAI	"FOOCHOW"	16th "
SHANGHAI	"TIENSHIN"	17th "
MANILA	"TAKING"	17th "
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"SHINAN"	18th "
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	20th "
MANILA, PORT DARWIN, THURS- DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	23rd "

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly
qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian
Ports.N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND
AUSTRALIAN PORTS. (SEE SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT).

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1905.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.
—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of
Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA	SATURDAY, 14th Jan., at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	"	SATURDAY, 21st Jan., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1905.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL
(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	About
"RAS ISSA"				30th January, 1905.

For Freight and further information, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via SHANGHAI, INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,FOR
PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail at Daylight on
"NUMANTIA"	4370	Brehmer	January 23rd, 1905.
"ARABIA"	4483	Bahle	February 13th, "
"ARAGONIA"	4198	Schmidt	March 5th, "
"NICOMEDIA"	4370	Wagner	March 31st, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate
with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

TSANG FOO & CO.

COAL MERCHANTS AND STEVEDORES,
48, DES VŒUX ROAD.SHIPS Coaled from alongside at the shortest
notice, and with all possible dispatch.
Prices Moderate. Telephone No. 329.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1904.

NOTICE.

BOO CHEONG, of No. 20, Pottinger
Street, has always on handFIRST-CLASS WRITING AND PRINTING
PAPERS, AND STATIONERY
of every variety.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1904.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
AUSTRALIAN LINE.REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES,
From 1st January, 1904.ALSO REDUCED FARES TO
MANILA AND RETURN.STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric
Light. First Class Accommodation. Un-
rivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1904.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers

"KWONG CHOW", 1,300 Tons, J. P. MARTIN,
"KWONG TUNG", 1,338 Tons, H. W. WALKER.
Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every
evening (Saturday excepted).
Leave Canton for Hongkong about 5.30
o'clock every evening (Sunday excepted).
These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled
Accommodation for First Class Passengers and
are lit throughout by Electricity.Passage Fare—Single Journey \$4.
Meals \$1 each.The Company's Wharf is a short distance
West of the Harbour Master's Office.SHIU ON S.S. CO., LD., and
YUEN ON S.S. CO., LD.,
No. 8, Queen's Road West.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

THE British Steamship

"YING KING,"
Captain E. J. Page, of 1,088 tons, Registered,
is the newest, fastest, and most luxuriously
furnished steamer on the line and is lighted
throughout with Electricity; hot and cold water
service. The cuisine is unexcelled.Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY,
WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING,
at 9 P.M. and returning from Canton every
following evening at 5 P.M.1st Class \$3.00 for Single Journey,
and " " 1.50 " "
Meals 1.00 each.The steamer's wharf is at the Western end
of Wing Lok Street.YUK ON S.S. CO., LD.,
No. 116, Wing Lok Street.
WENDT & Co.,
Canton Agents.

Hongkong, 24th Jan., 1904.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE Splendid Steamer

"YING KING,"
Captain Page, will make an EXCURSION
TRIP TO MACAO, on EVERY SUNDAY,
leaving the Company's wharf at the end of
Wing Lok Street, at 8.30 A.M., and returning
from Macao at 7.30 P.M.The Steamer will lay alongside the S.S.
Perseverance's wharf at Macao.FARE:
1st Class Single Ticket \$2.00, with Cabin \$3.00
Return " " \$3.00, " " \$5.00
Tiffin and Dinner may be had on Board
at \$1 each meal.YUK ON & CO., LD.,
S. A. NORONHA,
Macao Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1904.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHEE,"
Captain T. AUSTIN, R.N.R.THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong on
Week Days, at 8 A.M. and on Sun-
days at 8.30 A.M. Departs from Macao on Week
Days at 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.FARES.—Week Days, 1st Class, including
Cabin and servant, Single \$3; Return Ticket,
\$5; 2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.Every Sunday will be an Excursion, at the
following rates:—1st and 2nd Class, Single
Ticket, \$1; Return, \$2; 3rd Class, Single,
30 cents, Return, 50 cents; Steerage, 20 cents.
TIPPIN and DINNER can be supplied
either on Board, or at the Macao Hotel, for
returning passengers only, at an extra charge
of \$1.On Sundays, passengers desiring to have a
Private Cabin which has accommodation for
two or more passengers, will be charged \$3
extra.First Class Passengers, who do not care to
return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed
to do so the following day (Monday) on pro-
duction of the Return Half Ticket. Should
the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to
the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given
by the Captain, and the Half Ticket will be
available for the following day.The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity.
The Steamer's wharf at Hongkong is at the
Western end of Wing Lok Street.MING ON & Co.,
2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street.
Hongkong, 5th November, 1904.

THE AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"CROYDON"
will be despatched for the above Port on or
about SATURDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE

TO NEW YORK,

via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL,
(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,

1904. About

"GHAAZE" 25th Jan., 1905.

"SATSUMA" 5th Feb., "

For Freight and further information, apply
toDODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1905.

Shipping—Steamers.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
THE Company's Steamship"DENBIGHSHIRE,"
Captain W. A. Evans, will be despatched for
the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 14th
instant, at 5 P.M.This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1905.NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE).FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND SEATTLE,
WASH., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"IYO MARU,"
Captain S. J. G. Parsons, will be despatched
as above, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at
4 P.M.For Freight or Passage, apply at the Com-
pany's Local Branch Office in Prince's Build-
ing, First Floor, Chater Road.A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"PALMA,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.This vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, &c., ex S.S. *Perla*.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
10 A.M., TO-MORROW.Goods not cleared by the 17th instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and
the Company's representative at an
appointed hour.All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
date they cannot be recognised.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S.S. "ORO,"
FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, GLASGOW,
AND LIVERPOOL.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,
at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,
TO-DAY.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 16th instant will be
subject to rent.All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th
instant, or they will not be recognised.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 16th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1905.

"INDRA" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK, &c.

THE Company's Steamship

"INDRASHAMA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.Goods not cleared by the 14th instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within
ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after
which no claims will be recognised.Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
Noon, TO-DAY.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1905.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"PURNEA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after 12 o'clock Noon, the 9th instant,
will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense
into Godowns at East Point.No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1905.

Consignees.

S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS."
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex
S.S. *Danube*, from Havre ex S.S. *Danube*,
and from Bordeaux ex S.S. *Cambray*, *Ville de
Lorient* and *Ville de Valenciennes*, in connection
with above Steamer, are hereby informed that
their Goods, with the exception of Opium,
Treasure and Valuables are being landed and
stored at their risks into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may
be obtained immediately after landing.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before 3 P.M., TO-DAY, requesting it to be
landed here.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after
THURSDAY, the 19th January, at Noon, will
be subject to rent and landing charges.All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 19th January, or they will not be recognised.All damaged packages will be examined on
THURSDAY, the 19th January, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1905.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO',
LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENROY,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at
Kowloon, where each consignment will be
sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be
obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.Goods not cleared by the 18th instant will
be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage ob-
tained from the Godown Company within
ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which
no claims will be recognised.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1905.

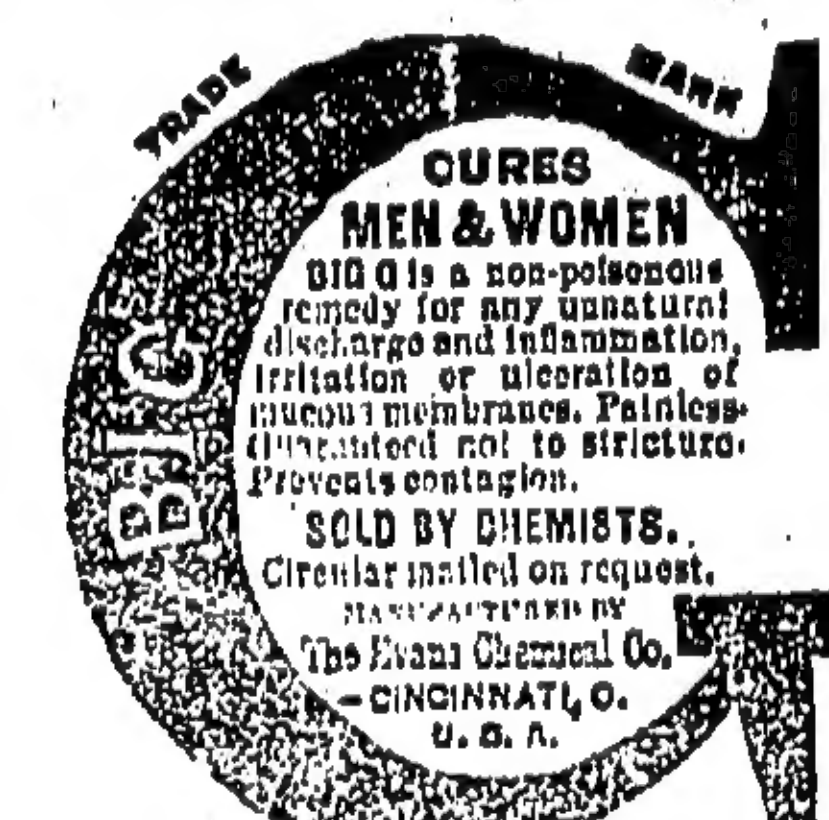
Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.00 per Cask
ex Factory.In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$3.20 per Bag
ex Factory.SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1904.



IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. RUTTONJEE begs to announce to
his numerous customers that his
Bakery in Kowloon being burnt down, he has
hired another in a healthy part of the town,
where BREAD will be baked and prepared
under his usual personal supervision and thus
ensuring, to his numerous patrons, the cus-
tomary supply of the same wholesome Bread
made of the finest flour and materials, that he
has all throughout supplied.Customers are kindly requested to send their
orders as usual.H. RUTTONJEE,
No. 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hongkong.
No. 37, Elgin Street, Kowloon.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1905.

"Sanitas"
Unqualified
Purifying Agent
AND IS
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Mails, will be despatched from this
BOMBAY, TO-MORROW, the 14th
January, at Noon, taking Passengers and
Cargo for the above Ports in connection with
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from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in
which vessel is secured before departure from
Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
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steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and
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Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
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Hongkong, 13th January, 1905.

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Cargo also booked for principal places in
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Hongkong, 10th January, 1905.

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Queen's Buildings,
Hongkong, 9th January, 1905.

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A FOOK & Co.,
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TAI KWONG CO.,
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Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, 21st November, 1904. [71]

TO LET.

NO. 1, STEWART TERRACE,
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A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD.
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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [69]

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WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147,
WAN CHAI ROAD. Comfortable and
airy flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from 25 inclusive
of Taxes.

And others to suit various requirements.

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [72]

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Course, within reach of the Electric Cars,
thoroughly cleansed and colour-washed, in flats
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Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [71]

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GODOWNS Nos. 100 and 101, Praya East,
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SIX FIRST-CLASS EUROPEAN
HOUSES in Observatory Road, Tsing
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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT. RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	{ £1,000,000 \$7,000,000 \$20,000 \$175,533 \$191,973 }	\$1,492,554	{ Div. of £1.10/- @ exchange 1/9 15/16 \$16.41 for first half-year 1904..... }	5 1/2 %	{ \$705 buyers London 7/1 \$38 sales }
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£7	{ \$1,400,000 \$1,739 \$950,000 \$154,992 \$362,366 \$371,445 }	\$21,668	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	5 1/2 %	\$38 sales
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,400,000 \$1,739 \$950,000 \$154,992 \$362,366 \$371,445 }	\$150,494	\$17 for 1903	6 1/2 %	\$250
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	{ \$1,400,000 \$1,739 \$950,000 \$154,992 \$362,366 \$371,445 }	Nil.	\$4 1/2 for year ended 30.4.1904	7 1/2 %	\$58 buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	{ Tls. 800,000 \$1,850,000 \$20,000 \$377,749 \$83,111 \$84,771 \$700,000 \$377,749 \$1,000,000 \$125,673 \$15,561 \$11,702,288 }	Tls. 217,119	Final of 10/- making £1 for 1903	8 %	Tls. 90 sellers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	{ \$1,400,000 \$1,739 \$950,000 \$154,992 \$362,366 \$371,445 }	\$2,078,997	\$35 for 1901	5 %	\$700
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,400,000 \$1,739 \$950,000 \$154,992 \$362,366 \$371,445 }	\$486,284	\$12 for 1902	8 %	\$150
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,400,000 \$1,739 \$950,000 \$154,992 \$362,366 \$371,445 }	\$329,047	\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1902	7 1/2 %	\$91 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,400,000 \$1,739 \$950,000 \$154,992 \$362,366 \$371,445 }	\$371,110	\$22 1/2 for 1902	6 1/2 %	\$40 buyers
SHIPPING, TUG AND CARGO BOATS.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	{ none \$185,000 \$80,935 \$250,000 \$600,000 \$157,555 }	Dr. \$63,123	\$5 for 1900	6 %	\$23
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ none \$185,000 \$80,935 \$250,000 \$600,000 \$157,555 }	Nil.	\$3 for year ended 30.6.1903	6 %	\$33 1/2 sales
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. ..	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ none \$185,000 \$80,935 \$250,000 \$600,000 \$157,555 }	\$16,362	\$1 1/2 for first half-year 1904	10 1/2 %	\$27 sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited ..	60,000	£10	£10	{ £205,000 \$1,000,000 }	£58,853	10/- for 1903 @ 1/10 5/16 = \$5.378	4 1/2 %	\$23
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000 (100,000)	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ none \$1,000,000 }	Tls. 55,541	Interim of Tls. 2 for 1904	7 1/2 %	Tls. 50 sales Tls. 48 sellers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited ..	2,000,000	£1	£1	{ £400,000 \$50,000 \$15,093 }	£19,555	Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 5) for 1904 ..	4 1/2 %	25/-
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$50,000 \$15,093 }	\$1,267	{ \$1.80 & b. 40 cts \$0.50 & b. 20 cts } for year ending 30.4.04	5 1/2 %	\$28
Straits Steamship Company, Limited	5,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$21,675 \$18,000 \$130,153 }	\$33,648	\$5 for 2nd & 4-year making \$13 for 1903 ..	9 %	\$145 sellers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	T.Tls. 50	T.Tls. 50	{ Tls. 98,000 Tls. 201,614 }	Tls. 865	Interim of Tls. 1 1/2 for 1904	10 %	Tls. 30 sellers
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ none \$1,000,000 }	Dr. \$147,717	Interim of \$5 for 1904 .....	...	\$220 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ none \$1,000,000 }	Dr. \$73,905	\$3 for 1897 .....	...	\$16 buyers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 1,635	Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.04	4 1/2 %	Tls. 60 sellers
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £40,000 \$50,000 \$18,10 £4,873 }	£7,820	No. 3 of 1/6 50 cents making G. \$1 for 1904	6 %	Tls. 7 1/2 buyers G \$1 1/2
Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited ..	50,000	G \$10	G \$10	{ none \$18,10 £4,873 }	G \$672,091	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents .....	...	\$3 1/2 sellers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited ..	50,000	£1	£1	{ £40,000 \$50,000 \$18,10 £4,873 }	£4,029	Final of Fcs. 25 making Fcs. 55 for 1903 ..	...	\$400
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	Fcs. 250	{ Fcs. 251,137 Fcs. 1,529,652 }	Fcs. 25,706	\$3.75 for 1903	8 %	\$45 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Gen. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$20,000 \$50,000 \$250,000 \$25,500 }	\$10,517	Interim of \$4 1/2 for 1904	4 1/2 %	\$104 old buyers \$102 new buyers
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown, Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$20,000 \$50,000 \$250,000 \$25,500 }	\$28,015	{ \$6 dividend and \$2 bonus for first half- year 1904 \$10 div. & \$5 bonus for year end. 30.6.04 }	7 1/2 %	\$249 sales
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$20,000 \$50,000 \$250,000 \$25,500 }	\$505,471	\$14 for 1903	4 1/2 %	\$203 buyers
Hewarth & Erskine, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$60,000 \$55,500 }	\$489	\$14 for 1903	4 1/2 %	\$27 sellers
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	6,000	\$60	\$60	{ \$60,000 \$55,500 }	\$489	\$14 for 1903	4 1/2 %	\$190 sellers
Riley Hargraves & Co., Limited	6,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$150,000 \$4,936 }	\$4,936	{ \$10 div. and \$2 1/2 bonus } for 1903	6 1/2 %	\$11 1/2
Do. (Preference)	2,750	\$100	\$100	{ \$150,000 \$4,936 }	\$4,936	\$7 dividend	8 %	Tls. 152 1/2 buyers
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Limited	55,200	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 900,000 Tls. 48,710 }	Tls. 48,153	Tls. 5 interim for 1904 1/2	24 %	Tls. 128 sales
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 48,710 Tls. 22,895 }	Tls. 22,895	Interim of Tls. 4 for 1904	3 1/2 %	\$350 sales
Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited	37,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 1,760 }	\$43,732	\$6 for first half-year 1904	4 1/2 %	Tls. 187 1/2 sales
Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	2,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 6,000 Tls. 1,760 }	Tls. 1,760	Tls. 18 for 1903	4 1/2 %	Tls. 187 1/2 sales
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDING.								
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) ..	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ none Tls. 41,000 }	\$9,089	\$2 1/2 for year ended 30.6.1904	9 %	\$27 sales
Astor House Hotel, Limited (Tientsin)	2,000	T.Tls. 50	T.Tls. 50	{ Tls. 41,000 Tls. 50 }	Tls. 655	Interim of Tls. 4	6 %	Tls. 148 sellers
China Land and Finance Company, Limited	6,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 50 Tls. 50 }	...	Interim of Tls. 2 .....	...	Tls. 55
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$11,824 \$20,000 \$500,000 Tls. 13,986 \$100,607 \$50,000 }	\$11,668	\$5 for first half-year 1904	7 1/2 %	\$144
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. ..	50,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$500,000 Tls. 13,986 \$100,607 \$50,000 }	\$51,066	Interim of \$6 for 1904	8 1/2 %	\$146 sellers
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai) ..	9,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	{ Tls. 13,986 \$100,607 \$50,000 }	Tls. 680	Tls. 0.87 1/2 for the year ending 31.3.1904 ..	4 1/2 %	Tls. 19 sales
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited ..	150,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$50,000 \$50,000 }	\$9,177	90 cents for 1903	7 1/2 %	\$12 1/2 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	{ none Tls. 800,000 Tls. 150,000 Tls. 17,144 }	\$636	\$2.60 for 1903		